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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF SADAT US VISIT

SUMMARY. LOCAL PRESS NOVEMBER 3 CONTINUES BANNER-HEADLINE TREATMENT OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT TO US, BUT APPEARS STRUGGLING TO COME UP WITH FRESH NEWS FOR FRONT-PAGE ARTICLES.

AHRAM HEADLINES AMERICAN DECISION TO SUPPLY EGYPT WITH TWO NUCLEAR REACTORS, COVERED IN GUMHURRIYA PREVIOUS DAY, WHILE GUMHURRIYA STRESSES UNMENTIONED, BUT SUPPOSEDLY SPECIFIC, STEPS US TO TAKE IN FUTURE TO ARRIVE AT PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF ME PROBLEM. END SUMMARY.

1. ARTILES ON NUCLEAR REACTORS STATE THAT FIRST REACTOR TO BE SET UP IN ALEXANDRIA AREA, WHILE LOCATION OF SECOND REACTOR YET TO BE DETERMINED. PAPERS ALSO CITE COMMENTS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT REACTORS TO BE SUBJECT TO STRINGENT SAFEGUARDS AND GUARANTEES WHICH PRECLUDE EVEN PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. AHRAM CITES SECRETARY'S COMMENT THAT US WILL PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH TWO REACTORS SUBJECT TO SAME CONDITIONS AS EGYPTIAN INSTALLATIONS.

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ARTICLE ALSO QUOTES STATEMENT BY SECRETARY THAT REACTORS, WHICH

WILL COST \$1.2 BILLION, CAN BE CONSIDERED AS PARTIALLY WITHIN US AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE EGYPT WITH \$750 MILLION IN AID, AND THUS PART OF US MONETARY AID CAN BE USED TO DEFRAY COSTS OF NEW REACTORS.

2. AKHBAR CARRIES DISPATCH FROM ITS EDITOR, MUSA SABRI, IN JACKSONVILLE STATING THAT PRESIDENT FORD PROMISED SADAT THAT USG WOULD APPROVE EGYPTIAN REQUESTS FOR AMERICAN ARMS IMMEDIATELY AFTER 1976 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. SABRI ALSO RECOUNTS THAT SADAT TOOK OPPORTUNITY DURING JACKSONVILLE DISCUSSIONS TO URGE UPON PRESIDENT FORD RECOGNITION OF PLO AS WELL AS TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN AT \$1.5 BILLION ISRAELI ARMS PACKAGE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS.

3. AHARAM AND GUMHURRIYA STRESS, IN FRONT-PAGE ARTICLES, COMMENTS CONCERNING ISRAELI UNHAPPINESS AT SUCCESS OF SADAT'S US VISIT, MADE BY PRIMIN RABIN AND FONMIN ALLON AT NOVEMBER 2 ISRAELI CABINET MEETING. GUMHURRIYA CITES RABIN COMMENTS THAT , DESPITE UNDENIABLE POLITICAL GAINS BY SADAT IN US, EGYPTIANS STILL DO NOT FOLLOW "MODERATE" POLICY, AS SADAT STILL GIVES UNQUALIFIED BACKING TO PLO. AKHBAR QUOTES RABIN STATEMENT THAT ISRAEL "EXTREMELY UNHAPPY" WITH RECENT US PROPOSALS CONCERNING ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL.

4. EDITORIALS IN AHARAM AND AKHBAR REPEAT THEME OF ISRAELI UNEASINESS AT SADAT'S SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO US. AHARAM FINDS THAT SADAT BUILDING PROPER CLIMATE DURING VISIT TO ENCOURAGE US, WHICH HOLDS KEY TO ME CRISIS, TO BRING ISRAEL ALONG ROAD TO INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY. AKHBAR COMMENTS THAT ZIONISTS, FEARFUL OF SADAT'S SUCCESS IN US, AND ARAB EXTREMISTS, WHO ATTACK EGYPTIANS' EFFORTS TO FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO ME PROBLEMS, MAKE STRANGE ALLIES AT PRESENT TIME.

5. COVERAGE OF UPCOMING UN DEBATE ON SADAT'S PROPOSALS FOR PLO REPRESENTATION AT GENEVA CONFERENCE, BANNER-HEADLINED IN AKHBAR, APPEARS DESIGNED TO STRESS EGYPTIAN COMMITMENT TO PALESTINIAN CAUSE WHILE IMPROVING US RELATIONS. ALL PAPERS REPORT THAT ALL ARAB UN DELEGATIONS TO MEET TO DISCUSS EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS AND MUSA SABRI IN AKHBAR STATES THAT SOVIET UNION EXPECTS TO BACK EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL.

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